27th January 1931]

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have received a report from the District Magistrate on the subject.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" May I know the reason for the delay ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There have been more than one transfer from one court to another and there have been a large number of witnesses in the case."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the report from the District Magistrate will be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know what kind of action Government propose to take in the matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There is no need for any action whatever."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" May I know whether the report justifies the delay ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The District Magistrate is of opinion, and the Government agree with it, that there is no unreasonable delay in the matter."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" Has the hon. the Law Member read the report ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Canals

Expenditure incurred for deepening the Buckingham Canal.

* 63 *Q*.—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what is the expenditure incurred yearly during the three years ending 31st March 1930 on the deepening of the Buckingham Canal (*a*) north of Madras, (*b*) south of Madras (1) up to Kovelong, (2) from Kovelong to Markanam terminus in the South Arcot district ?

A.—Excluding the cost of annual silt clearance the expenditure has been as follows :—

(*a*) Nil.

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(*b*) (1) Year ending	31st March 1928	... ...	Nil.
Do	31st March 1929	... ...	8,551
Do.	31st March 1930	... ...	32,846

(2) Nil.

Control over the banks of the Cooum river.

* 64 *Q*.—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is dual control over the Cooum river banks exercised by the Public Works Department and the Corporation ; and